GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:59
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REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid by the Government for registration of medical practitioners with the Indian Medical Council (IMC);

(b) the details of the total number of practicing doctors registered with the IMC as on June 30, 2005, State-wise;

(c) whether this number tallies with the Indian Medical Association in relation to the total number of medical graduates who pass out from various universities across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Hon`ble Supreme Court has issued some guidelines in regard to registration of medical practitioners;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that IMC is violating the directions of Supreme Court and registering such medical students who have obtained their medical degrees from Russia and other foreign universities;

(h) if so, the action taken by the Government against such officials of IMC who have violated the directions of Supreme Court; and

(i) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to undo the wrongs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to
(i): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 FOR 27TH JULY, 2005 ..

As per the provisions of IMC Act, 1956, for registration of medical practitioners, the Medical Council of India (MCI) considers the candidature of persons who are Indian nationals and possess basic recognized medical qualification from the medical colleges/institutions in India. Indian nationals having basic medical qualifications granted by institutions out side India included in the part II of the third schedule of the Act are also eligible for permanent registration with the MCI.

The details of the total number of practicing doctors registered with Medical Council of India as on 30.6.2005 may be seen as per annexure.

The Indian Medical Association is not a statutory body for registration of medical practitioners hence may not be able to provide the details of all the registered medical practitioners in the country.

The Section 13(4)(A) was included in the IMC Act, 1956, through an amendment by Government of India in the year 2000 to streamline the system and to provide opportunities to the professionals with foreign degrees willing to practice in India. On the basis of the same, the MCI notified screening test regulations, which came into effect from 15.3.2002. In the context of the same, the Hon`ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 8.3.2002 directed that all the medical practitioners with foreign degree who may apply for permanent or provisional registration on or after 15.3.2002 will have to pass the Screening test as per MCI Regulation except in the following cases:-

1 . Indian citizens possessing foreign primary medical qualification who have applied to MCI for permanent registration before 15.3.2002.

2. The students not having minimum admission norms for joining under graduate medical courses in India as per MCI, provided, they were admitted to foreign institutions recognized by MCI before 15.3.2002.

3. All persons who had studied in foreign institutions with less than 6 years of medical course or a part of their studies has been in an unrecognized institution provided the period of shortfall is covered by them by way of additional internship over and above the regular internship of one year.

As per MCI, it considers the cases for registration of medical professionals possessing foreign degrees as per the provisions of IMC Act 1956, as amended in 2001; the screening test regulations 2002 and the Hon`ble Supreme Court`s directives mentioned above.

ANNEXURE

TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCTORS IN INDIA

S.No.	State	Total Number of Doctors (2005)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	33800
2.	Assam	15927
3.	Bhopal	29049
4.	Chhattisgarh	318
5.	Bihar	35111
6.	Goa	2434
7	Gujarat	37561
8.	Haryana	1360
9.	Hyderabad	14027
10.	J & K	8284
11.	Jharkhand	321
12.	Karnataka	66574
13.	Travencore-Cochin	33418
14.	Maharashtra	92327
15.	Orissa	14982
16.	Punjab	34104
17.	Rajasthan	22666
18.	Tamil Nadu	72474
19.	Uttar Pradesh	46251
20.	West Bengal	53129
21.	MCI Delhi	26803
22.	Delhi	2600
Total		643520

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